

## THE HOME, ITS PROBLEMS AND ITS INTERESTS



THE FASHIONABLE SHIRT WAIST SUIT.

For every-day and all-day wear those stylish shirt waist suits are just the thing, especially when Dame Fashion is beginning to declare a preference for the waist and skirt that match each other and are fashioned from the same material. The soft and silky mohairs, with their chiffon finish, are much to be preferred for these; and the one illustrated shows one of the soft shades in porcelain blue that is particularly effective. The waist is constructed with box pleats both back and front, those in the back following a breasted fashion, while those in the front are released over the bust to form fullness. The sleeve is quite large, but the arm size snugger than of yore, this necessitating the use of a dress shield.

The skirt is one of those smart pleated gored affairs, the pleats occupying the entire front breadth, and stitched but for a short distance, the pressing being expected to hold their shape to the hem. Alternate plain and pleated ones fill the sides; and the back matches the front in design. A belt of darker blue velvet ribbon is drawn through a pearl buckle and encircles the waist line.

## How to Have a Pleasant Picnic

An invitation picnic, with just the right people and just the right number of them, is a vastly different affair in point of pleasure from the meaningless combination of people and things which so often swoop down upon a beautiful spot and leave it strewn with paper bags and eggshells. Picnic lunches can be daintily served; and, if the work be comfortably divided, no one will be too tired to enjoy outdoors to the utmost.

Instead of bothering with linen tablecloths and napkins, use the clever new ones that have come out of crinkled tissue paper—printed with flowers or with gay Japanese figures, or left all white, barred and striped like dimity. And don't try to get on with too big a cloth—it's hard to lay even comparatively smooth. Have two or three smaller ones instead, and let little groups gather around each instead of everybody crowding around a big one.

Pack everything in the way of eatables in pasteboard boxes, so far as possible, use wooden plates and dishes.

Then, when you are ready to go home, put tablecloth, napkins and dishes in a heap and burn them, instead of leaving them in an unsightly heap.

Sweet sandwiches are good, and there are a hundred ways to make them, from spreading the thinnest of white bread with marmalade to fudge crackers. But you want very little sweet at a picnic.

Get away if you can from the stereotyped ham sandwiches and boiled eggs. Lettuce and nuts and cheese—cream cheese and nuts together make dainty sandwiches—olives, sardines and salmon make varied fillings, and mayonnaise gives almost every kind—if it's sparingly used—a last delicious little touch.

If you must have ham, chop it very fine, with a bit of fat included, so that it is like a paste. And devil the eggs, setting two halves together and wrapping them in a twist of tissue paper.

TO BE CHARMING

Be Natural—The Unaffected Girl Is the One Who Charms Most.

If the woman who frowns would only pause to think, by every frown she puts people aloof from her. Each frown endangers the love of those about her. Frowns make wrinkles, wrinkles the signs of age, and every woman wants to keep young. Did you ever notice how much younger looking some women are at sixty than are others at twenty? Surely it is true that a woman is only as old as she looks.

It is as impossible to define charm as love. It is the result of an indefinable combination of tact and amiability. Vanity, selfishness, and a desire to please are really unamiability, a trait that we like to think is feminine.

Some of the most charming women have not been the recipients of nature's blessings. Lacking beauty, they have been compelled to hold their places in the world's esteem by their gentleness and graciousness of manner. At first sight they may not be charming to men, but when they are once known and appreciated for their intrinsic worth then that discerning eye discovers the charm that lies hidden within them.

The girl with laughter in her eyes, a pleasant smile for everybody, of kind words and gentle deeds, will be much more charming than the girl who is "stuck up," supercilious, disagreeable and has an exalted opinion of her own importance.

While there is charm in the pretty face there must be back of it womanhood in its perfection. The art of being a woman is indeed a great one. There are women who always do things right and there are others who always do them wrong. How often do we see this in public? A woman imagines, often without reason, that somebody is encroaching upon her rights. She cuts loose with a volley of angry words, making herself intensely disagreeable, whereas if she had spoken softly she would have accomplished far more and there would have been no sting in her words. It is surprising to men that some women who have pretty faces will destroy the charm in them by plastering them over with paint and cosmetics, giving themselves an artificial instead of a natural appearance. The real girl, unadorned, except by pretty clothes, is the one who charms most.

Meditations of a Spinster.

Kissing a girl against her will is a rare phenomenon which sometimes happens.

Seems unfair that women are not considered qualified to sow even a small crop of wild oats.

Going fast in an automobile on a dark night reminds a woman of her engagement days.

It is a sure sign of arrived age or embourgeoisement when a female no longer sits on the floor to put on her shoes and stockings.

The man who can laugh at himself as he chases his own hat up the street is a true philosopher with a real sense of humor.

## Farm Party and Seaside Tea



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August finds but few of the town houses open, and fewer of the folk at home, but there always must be the few who remain in the summer stay-at-home class. It is for the class who are without summer homes of their own, and who must make one residence do for both seasons, that the stay-at-homes' farm party and seaside tea has been arranged.

The farm party can be made a thing of beauty and a joy forever for an evening's entertainment. The invitations may be written on the regular invitation cards, and if the hostess is in a position to do so, a farm scene painted on one corner will add much to the general attractiveness of the idea. The wording of the invitation should be informal. For instance:

"How dear to my heart are the scenes of my childhood. Come, gaze upon them and have an old-time country romp at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Wallace on the evening of —."

These cards then may be inclosed in paper corn husks and delivered to the guests. The request should be made also that the women come dressed as milkmaids—the costume is simple, and no woman will object, for the milkmaid's costume is one of the most becoming in fashion history—and the men to come in blue overalls, gingham shirts and straw hats. Men usually enter objections to the idea of fancy dress of any kind, but the average man responds readily to the request to return to the outfit of his boyhood—particularly when by so doing he escapes the necessity of donning evening apparel.

The large chairs, which are in the way at a large entertainment, should be taken to the attic, and in their stead the milkmaid's stools should be placed about the room. The walls should be hung in farm products—bunches of corn from the ceilings, cabbages, parsnips, carrots, and the vegetables most easily obtained.

The evening may open with a program of old-time songs, given by professionals, or by members of the party who have been asked to prepare for the program before coming to the house for the evening. In case of the latter, the other guests can be asked to join

in the chorus. If it is the desire of the hostess to close the evening with the singing of the old-time home songs by all the guests, instead of opening the evening with the program, the idea of the professionals may be set aside entirely and a good taste will be left in the mouth and the guests sent home in a reminiscent and happy frame of mind.

If this is done, as soon as the guests have been received the old-fashioned sets for old-time square dances may be formed, and these dances with a spelling-around contest may occupy the early evening. When the time for the serving of the refreshments comes the dining room may be thrown open. Here the guests will find a typical farmyard scene. The room will be lighted by lanterns hung on the sides of the walls and sitting about in a haphazard fashion. The sideboard or buffet will be an excellent place for the arrangement of an old hen and her downy chicks—now so easily obtained at the stores in most exact imitation. The table may be converted into a veritable little farm. A tiny doll's house, barn, and toy windmill, purchased at the farm may be laid out with toy fences with very little expense and less labor; toy sheep, cattle, and pigs may be wandering about through an open gateway a toy hired man may be driving a miniature load of hay behind a miniature horse, and tiny rakes and pitchforks piled high upon the load. The toy departments of the great city stores abound with all the things which are needed for such an affair.

Partners should be chosen for the dining room. One room—a smaller upstairs room, for instance—may be arranged to represent a hay mow. In the hay mow should be piled with enthusiasm the names of the women of the party. The men are sent to the room and told to hunt the eggs after the manner of early days. The farm when the pleasure of egg hunting ceased to be a pleasure because it was too hot to hunt the eggs, and the men from the men for, like David Harum and blue bridge, there are but few men of today who have not had these boyhood experiences of the farm. The guests should be seated around the walls of the dining room, away from the table. This is the modern idea of the old-fashioned "lap supper."

For the refreshments serve fried chicken, sliced from the bone, that it may

easily be eaten with the fork, homemade bread and butter, cucumber pickles and cottage cream cheese—otherwise known as "smearcase" in the language of the old-time housewife. Instead of ice cream, cake and coffee, serve home made fresh apple pie and milk, and the hostess who follows this advice will have every man in the party as a friend forever.

In another room hang an old oaken bucket, and from this serve water, lemonade, or punch. A young woman will preside over this "bowl," and will use a long-handled dipper, serving in tin cups to the guests.

## Seaside Afternoon Tea.

This second affair for the stay-at-home hostess who wishes to indulge in an illusion may be a combination of music and calling party. The mere reception or tea is something of a bugbear to every woman. This is particularly true of the affair of this kind which comes in the heat of the summer. As is true with every tea, this affair will depend upon its decoration for the detail of the illusion, for with the decoration the tea usually begins and ends.

If the hostess who seizes upon the idea has a friend who deals in or owns stage properties, she is fortunate, for with a seaside scene to hang upon the walls, stage rocks to place about, and imitation seaweed to drape about, her home may be made an ideal place for a summer's afternoon.

The hostess and her assistants should be dressed in the airiest of sunbather frocks. In one room these hangings and drapings may be arranged in most realistic fashion, and young women in pretty bathing suits may serve tea from the top of a large stage rock.

The dining room walls may be hung with seaweed and the table may be made a miniature sea. One-half of the table, by the aid of mirrors and low, long pans of water, may be the fashions for the sea, and the other half may be the long stretch of white sand with shells. Dolls in bathing suits may be arranged upon the beach, and on the bathing rope, and small dolls dressed as children may be digging in the sand.

The menu may consist of shrimp salad, water and olives served in toy boats; an ice served in little sand buckets and eaten with tiny spades, small cakes, and finally bon bon served in candy case lobsters, crabs and various fish—these to be given as souvenirs.

The musical may be given in a vaudeville by professionals, one room arranged to represent the typical summer resort place of amusement where the program includes the continuous.

## THOSE DEAR GIRLS.

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WOMEN'S SHORT CAMBRIC SKIRTS; made with deep hemstitched ruffles, others with tucks; regular 25c value. Special..... 25c

WOMEN'S CAMBRIC CORSET COVERS; made with four rows of Val lace and ribbon, others with embroidery; regular 25c value. Special..... 25c

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22-inch All-over Embroidery, on Swiss and Nainsook; was \$1 yard. Special, yard..... 75c

## Souvenir Post Card Fad Growing

The fad of collecting souvenir postal cards is the most marked of collecting habits we've known for years. Both the picture postcards and the fad started in Europe, the first cards that were made being the result of an experiment made by a German photographer.

They were an instant success, and soon every town was vying with every other to get out more interesting ones. America was slow to take up the manufacture, the first of any prominence being wonderful views of the buildings and grounds of the World's Fair in Chicago.

But post cards have made great strides since then, growing from fairly crude things to the cards of today, with their artistic designs and colorings.

Every holiday has its cards—the cleverest imaginable ones are got up, to send out as valentines, as Easter and Christmas cards, and even a few with witches and goblins to send at Halloween.

Europe has progressed even further—some of the fairest works of art, sculpture and painting, alike, have been reproduced, the colors coming out with a curious truth to the original.

And besides, artists have been hard at work designing. There are whole sets made beautiful with Grecian youths and maidens—classic and delicate, three are Egyptian sets, with scarabs and sphinxes hopelessly jumbled in a glory of rich blues and greens and reds. There are Art Nouveau postals, and prim, stereotyped things that look like an old time sample; and every sort and condition of "view," from the weirdly beautiful view of the Jungfrau, turned rosy with the sunset, to the picture of a tumble-down cottage, with picturesque ivy wandering at its will over the walls.

Famous men and types of every nation are represented as well.

Some of these collections are made simply for the pleasure of collecting, and are kept filed away in cabinets, except when they are brought to be shown off, but a number of people are finding clever uses to put them to.

One woman made a frieze in her den, just below the low shelf moulding, which ran all the way around the room. Another got a plain denim screen, covering it with her cards, and arranged in order of her travels, with flag postals topping the panels. And still another covered the top of her old table, varnishing it over carefully.

And yet, after all, they tell us that with the craze for collecting in its infancy as yet.

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